

### CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST NETWORK OF SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

Catholic Charities of California represents the twelve Local Catholic Charities Organizations in California.

Every year, these organizations provide more than 1.5 million professional social services to Californians who need help and hope. Catholic Charities of California is the single point of access to this statewide network.



### FEATURED

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF ORANGE COUNTY

Catholic Charities of Orange County serves their community in the following areas: CalFresh Outreach; Food Distribution; SNAP-Ed Nutrition and Obesity Prevention; Senior Housing; Disability Services; Immigration, Citizenship and Refugee Resettlement Center; Crisis Counseling; Parish Ministry; and more: [www.ccoc.org](http://www.ccoc.org)

### FAST FACTS

Services received by individuals in 2017:

- 3,031 individuals assisted in the Citizenship Program
- 4,218 individuals assisted in the Immigration Program
- 2,280 individuals assisted in the Parish Ministry Walk-In clinic
- 13,350 individuals assisted with Immigration Program Information and Referrals by phone

## A Light in the Darkness



It was a happy household as Teresa's husband Sergio filed for her to obtain lawful status in the United States. To ensure the success of the case, the couple hired a private attorney. Suddenly, crisis hit and Sergio was diagnosed with colon cancer. All efforts and resources were directed toward his recovery and when the family could no longer afford to pay for legal fees, Teresa's lawyer closed their case.

Teresa persevered; she regularly cared for her husband who was admitted to the local Veterans Administration Hospital. She became a regular volunteer at the hospital and learned they offered legal assistance; soon her case was re-opened. While attending a "Know Your Rights" presentation, Teresa heard that Catholic Charities of Orange County (CCOC) provided low-cost or free services to those who qualified. She called and was immediately scheduled for an evaluation appointment; they were able to help Teresa obtain a "Parole-in-Place" action and file for her "Adjustment of Status" in the United States.

While Teresa awaits lawful status in the United States, she is determined and remains a committed wife, mom, and volunteer. When her immigration status is stabilized, Teresa aspires to become employed in the health care industry where she can help others in need.

Teresa is poised to submit the final requirements of the application that will make their dream of her obtaining legal status a reality. She is grateful for the encouragement and free legal services they received from CCOC, during a particularly challenging time. This assistance has taken a huge burden off of Sergio, who is growing stronger and healthier every day.

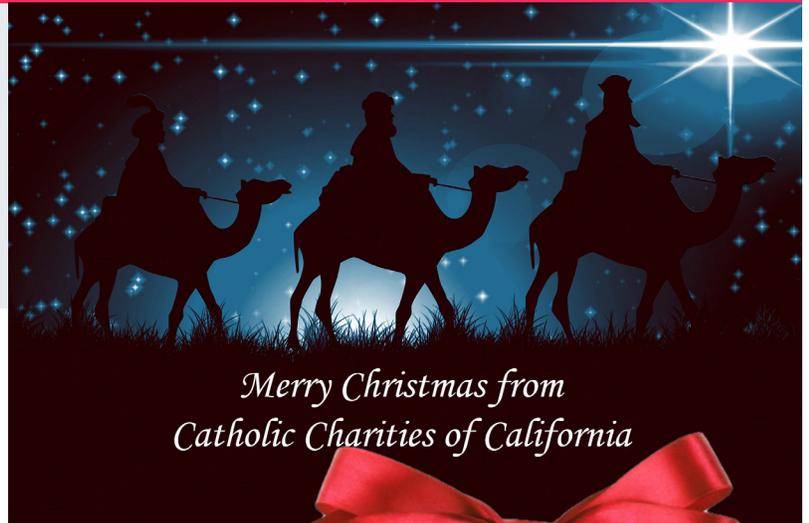


## Catholic Charities Statewide Immigration Network

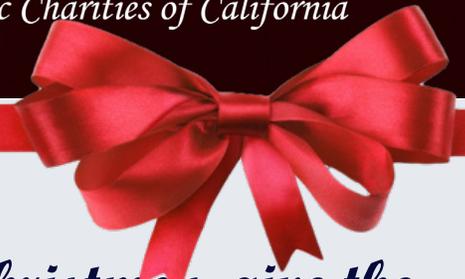
### UPDATES

### Catholic Charities Statewide Network Awarded \$8.4 Million to Continue Immigration Services

The Catholic Charities statewide network of agencies has been awarded \$8.4 million by the California Department of Social Services to provide immigration legal services, removal defense, and education and outreach to over 26,000 immigrants over the next year. This funding, which represents 20% of the total funding awarded, is the third consecutive award for the network. Since 2016, the network has provided over 32,000 state-funded immigration legal services to immigrants. Services funded by the CDSS Immigration Services Program include: application assistance for Other Immigration Remedies (for example, U-Visas), application assistance for Naturalization, Removal Defense, and immigration-related Education and Outreach activities.



*Merry Christmas from  
Catholic Charities of California*



*This Christmas, give the  
gift of pilgrimage*

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YOU ARE INVITED to attend an Informational Meeting to learn more about pilgrimages organized by and in support of Catholic Charities of California.

#### MEETING DATES:

**Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 10am:**  
In-person Informational Meeting in Cupertino

**Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 10am:**  
Teleconference Informational Meeting

**Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 10am:**  
Teleconference Informational Meeting

A portion of the cost of each pilgrim's trip supports the work of Catholic Charities of California, providing crucial services to Californians in need.

**For details and to RSVP visit:**  
[www.CatholicCharitiesCA.org/pilgrimages](http://www.CatholicCharitiesCA.org/pilgrimages)

